

Young family earns highest scout rank

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KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. - According to the Boy Scouts of America, only four percent of its members become Eagle Scouts. But for Col. John T. Young, of the Air Force Research Laboratory Directed Energy Directorate, his three sons have followed him to scouting's highest rank.

Joshua, 14, received his Eagle honors, during Troop 381 ceremonies, December 16, at the Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The Sandia High School freshman joined his brothers, Daniel and Joseph as an Eagle Scout. Their father, a division chief in the laboratory, is a 24-year Air Force veteran who became an Eagle Scout in 1971.

"I'm very proud and delighted that all three boys stayed active in scouting and attained its highest honors," said the 1976 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Scouts must earn 21 merit badges, 12 that are mandatory, the remainder from the more than 100 badges available and perform a community service project to become an Eagle Scout.

For his leadership project, Joshua designed and organized the construction of storage equipment for the adaptive physical education and neuromotor team at the Madison Middle School.

Daniel, 19, who became an Eagle Scout in 1995, is a sophomore at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, N.M. Joseph, 17, an Eagle Scout since 1997, is a freshman there.

All three received their Eagle awards while scouts at Troop 381. @